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For WINDBACK LABYRINTH SEAL )  
THAT ACCOMMODATES A )  
PRESSURE DIFFERENTIAL )  
FOR ROTATING SHAFTS )

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**37 CFR §§ 1.97, 1.98**

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Sir:

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Information or art known to the Applicant and having an extent of relevance to the present application has been listed on Form PTO-1449 attached hereto. It includes two United States. The Applicant has employed Form PTO-1449 for the purposes of convenience of the Office and the Examiner.

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It is the position of the Applicant that none of the art listed herein accomplishes the objects of the present invention. The Applicant believes that the claims of the subject application are patentably distinct over the art of record. In the event the Examiner would care to discuss any of the foregoing more specifically, the undersigned attorney would welcome a telephone call.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Edward G. Greive".

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